

State Bar Court of California PUBLIC MATTER **Hearing Department** Los Angeles Counsel For The State Bar (for Court's use) Case Number (s) 07-C-12977 & 09-C-Margaret P. Warren 11849 (Consol.) Bar # 108774 Counsel For Respondent STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE Michael E. Wine LOS ANGELES Bar # 58657 Submitted to: Settlement Judge In the Matter Of: STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND Martin Barry Snyder DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

(Respondent)

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

PUBLIC REPROVAL

☐ PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

A Member of the State Bar of California

Bar # 78253

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted December 21, 1977.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of 11 pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law".
- (6) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."
- (7) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.

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(8)		Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):		
		cas cos am Puk	its added to membership fee for calendar year following effective date of discipline (public reproval) is ineligible for costs (private reproval) its to be paid in equal amounts for the following membership years: Costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the next two (2) billing cycles following the effective date of the polic Reproval herein.	
		cos	dship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 284, Rules of Procedure) Its waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs" Its entirely waived	
(9)	The parties understand that:			
	(a)		A private reproval imposed on a respondent as a result of a stipulation approved by the Court prior to initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding is part of the respondent's officials State Bar membership records, but is not disclosed in response to public inquiries and is not reported on the State Bar's web page. The record of the proceeding in which such a private reproval was imposed is not available to the public except as part of the record of any subsequent proceeding in which it is introduced as evidents of a prior record of discipline under the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.	
	(b)		A private reproval imposed on a respondent after initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding is part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, is disclosed in response to public inquiries and is reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's web page.	
	(c)		A public reproval imposed on a respondent is publicly available as part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, is disclosed in response to public inquiries and is reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's web page.	
İ	Aggr Profe are r	essic	ing Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for onal Misconduct, standard 1.2(b)]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances red.	
(1)		Prio	r record of discipline [see standard 1.2(f)]	
	(a)		State Bar Court case # of prior case	
	(b)		Date prior discipline effective	
	(c)		Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations:	
	(d)		Degree of prior discipline	
	(e)		If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below or a separate attachment entitled "Prior Discipline.	
(2)		Dish	nonesty: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, cealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.	

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(3)		Trust Violation: Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.		
(4)		Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice.		
(5)		Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.		
(6)		Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.		
(7)		Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.		
(8)	\boxtimes	No aggravating circumstances are involved.		
Addi	itiona	l aggravating circumstances:		
	_	ating Circumstances [see standard 1.2(e)]. Facts supporting mitigating mstances are required.		
(1)		No Prior Discipline: Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.		
(2)		No Harm: Respondent did not harm the client or person who was the object of the misconduct.		
(3)	\boxtimes	Candor/Cooperation: Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.		
(4)		Remorse: Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.		
(5)		Restitution: Respondent paid \$ on in restitution to without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.		
(6)		Delay: These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.		
(7)		Good Faith: Respondent acted in good faith.		
(8)		Emotional/Physical Difficulties: At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and Respondent no longer suffers from such difficulties or disabilities.		
(9)		Severe Financial Stress: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.		

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(10)		Family Problems: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.
(11)		Good Character: Respondent's good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
(12)		Rehabilitation: Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
(13)		No mitigating circumstances are involved.
Addi	tiona	Il mitigating circumstances:
		Respondent was admitted to the practice of law on December 21, 1977; he has no prior record discipline; he has never had a single client complaint lodged against him; and he has never been subject of any State Bar investigation [other than in the instant disciplinary matter].
In M	whi	2009, Respondent reported his July 29, 2008 conviction [case no. 09-C-11849] to the State Bar, ch was never notified by any prosecuting agency, as required by Bus. & Pro. Code section 6101, of pendency of that matter.
D. I	Disc	ipline:
(1)		Private reproval (check applicable conditions, if any, below)
	(a)	Approved by the Court prior to initiation of the State Bar Court proceedings (no public disclosure).
<u>or</u>	(b)	Approved by the Court after initiation of the State Bar Court proceedings (public disclosure).
(2)	\boxtimes	Public reproval (Check applicable conditions, if any, below)
E. C	ond	litions Attached to Reproval:
(1)	\boxtimes	Respondent must comply with the conditions attached to the reproval for a period of two (2) years.
(2)	\boxtimes	During the condition period attached to the reproval, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
(3)		Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
(4)		Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
(5)		Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the condition period attached to the reproval. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of the reproval during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state in each report whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State

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		Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 (thirty) days, that report must be submitted on the next following quarter date, and cover the extended period.		
		In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the condition period and no later than the last day of the condition period.		
(6)		Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the monitor.		
(7)	\boxtimes	Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the conditions attached to the reproval.		
(8)	(8) Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office o Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test give at the end of that session.			
		□ No Ethics School recommended. Reason:		
(9)		Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.		
(10)		Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation within one year of the effective date of the reproval.		
Responding sufficient	onde cient ests	No MPRE recommended. Reason: In over 30 years of practicing law, Respondent has not had client complaint, and his present misconduct has no connection with the practice of law. ent's successful completion of the State Bar's Ethics School, required by this Stipulation, will be to reinforce Respondent's ethical obligations as an attorney. The protection of the public and the of the Respondent do not require passage of the MPRE in this case. See In the Matter of ent G (Review Dept.1992), 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 181.		
(11)		The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:		
		☐ Substance Abuse Conditions ☐ Law Office Management Conditions		
		☐ Medical Conditions ☐ Financial Conditions		
F. O	the	r Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:		
		e "Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties" at page 9, below; and "Compliance with Conditions ion in Underlying Criminal Matter" at page 8, below.		

ATTACHMENT TO

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Martin Barry Snyder

CASE NUMBER(S):

07-C-12977 & 09-C-11849 (Consol.)

PENDING PROCEEDINGS.

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(6), was January 4, 2010.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND IN CONVICTION PROCEEDING.

Case No. 07-C-12977

- 1. This is a proceeding pursuant to sections 6101 and 6102 of the Business and Professions Code and rule 9.10 of the California Rules of Court.
- 2. On September 15, 2008, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b) [driving with blood alcohol level of .08% or more], one count, a misdemeanor.
- 3. On November 24, 2008, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order referring the matter to the Hearing Department on the following issues: in the absence of evidence of the finality of Respondent's misdemeanor conviction of violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), for a hearing and report as to whether there is probable cause to believe that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offenses involved moral turpitude; and if the Hearing Department finds probable cause, the Review Department will consider placing Respondent on interim suspension. If Respondent waives finality of the conviction, the Hearing Department is to conduct a hearing and file a decision as to whether the facts and circumstances surrounding the violations [sic] involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline, and if so found, the discipline to be imposed.
- 4. On January 15, 2009, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order providing: "The reference heretofore ordered in the above-entitled matter is augmented under the authority of California Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a) to include a hearing and decision recommending the discipline to be imposed in the event that the Hearing Department finds that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense of which Martin Barry Snyder was convicted involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline."

Case No. 09-C-11849

- 1. This is a proceeding pursuant to sections 6101 and 6102 of the Business and Professions Code and rule 9.10 of the California Rules of Court.
- 2. On July 29, 2008, Respondent was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b) [driving with blood alcohol level of .08% or more, with one prior], one count, a misdemeanor.



3. On July 7, 2009, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order referring the matter to the Hearing Department on the following issues: for a hearing and decision recommending the discipline to be imposed in the event that the hearing department finds that the facts and circumstances surrounding the violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), of which Martin Barry Snyder was convicted, involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline.

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct:

FACTS:

- 1. In November 2003, Respondent was convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol ("DUI"), one count, a misdemeanor.
- 2. Respondent was not disciplined by the State Bar following r his November 2003 misdemeanor DUI conviction.

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- 3. In September 2008, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Respondent pled No Contest to a violation of California Vehicle Code ("V.C.") section 23152(b), driving with blood alcohol level of .08% or more, a misdemeanor.
- 4. Respondent was placed on 3 years' summary probation with conditions, including payment of fine of \$400 [total assessments against Respondent came to \$1,486.00]; serving 96 hours in jail; and participating in and completing a treatment or counseling program pursuant to H&S Code section 11837.
- 5. The facts and circumstances surrounding Respondent's conviction in this matter are as follows:
- 6. At approximately 11:55 p.m. on May 18, 2007, Respondent was driving westbound in the #4 lane of the Foothill Freeway (I-210) when he lost control of his automobile and caused it to collide with a freeway signpost on the shoulder of the highway. No other vehicles were involved, and no persons were injured. Respondent cooperated with the police, though he appeared visibly intoxicated and was unable to pass the field sobriety tests. Respondent's blood alcohol level tested at 0.19%.
- 7. The facts and circumstances of this conviction matter do not involve moral turpitude.
- 8. The facts and circumstances of this conviction matter do constitute other misconduct warranting discipline.

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9. In July 2008, in the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, Respondent pled Guilty to a violation of V.C. section 23152(b) and a prior 2003 conviction for DUI. Respondent was placed on formal probation for 60 months, with conditions including participation in the Drinking Driver Program (Multiple Conviction Program—formerly SB 38). Respondent was ordered to pay, among

- other things, a fine of \$1,810 (total assessments against Respondent came to \$2,833.00); serve 40 days in jail; and drive for one year with an Ignition Interlock Device on his car.
- 10. The facts and circumstances surrounding Respondent's conviction in this matter are as follows:

At approximately 1:38 a.m. on March 16, 2008, Respondent was driving on U.S. Hwy. 101 when he was stopped by the CHP for driving under the influence of alcohol.

- 11. No police report or other documentation was provided to the State Bar indicating whether Respondent was given field sobriety tests (and if so, the results thereof); and whether Respondent was administered a "breathalyzer" and/or blood test for blood alcohol level (and if so, the results thereof).
- 12. There is no evidence of any property damage or personal injury to anything or anyone occurring as a result of this incident.
- 13. The facts and circumstances of this conviction matter do not involve moral turpitude.
- 14. The facts and circumstances of this conviction matter do constitute other misconduct warranting discipline.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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15. By violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), Respondent failed to support the laws of this state, in violation of section 6068(a) of the Bus. & Prof. Code.

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16. By violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), Respondent failed to support the laws of this state, in violation of section 6068(a) of the Bus. & Prof. Code.

AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

In re Kelley (1990) 52 Cal.3d 487. And see In the Matter of Anderson (Review Dept. 1992) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 208, 216 [Review Department's discussion of In re Kelley].

STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL.

Because respondent has agreed to attend State Bar Ethics School as part of this stipulation, respondent may receive Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit upon the satisfactory completion of State Bar Ethics School.

COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION IN UNDERLYING CRIMINAL MATTER.

If he has not already done so, Respondent shall bring himself into compliance with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matters, and all modifications thereto (if any), and shall so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report required to be filed with the Office of Probation.



OTHER CONDITIONS NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES.

On December 14, 2009, Respondent was admitted to Beit T'Shuvah for a period of six (6) months, to undergo in-patient residential treatment and rehabilitation for alcohol abuse ("treatment program").

Respondent must comply with all conditions and requirements of Beit T'Shuva's treatment program, including but not limited to all random alcohol testing; attendance and participation in the 12-Step Anonymous program; and participation in individual and/or group counseling. Respondent further agrees to comply with any aftercare requirements Beit T'Shuvah may impose on him after he completes the treatment program.

Respondent shall submit to the Office of Probation, with his initial Quarterly Report, a copy of any written "participation agreement" or "treatment plan" or other similar document from Beit T'Shuvah setting forth the conditions and requirements of the treatment program to which Respondent was admitted on December 14, 2009. If no such agreement or plan or similar document was prepared, Respondent shall so state, under penalty of perjury, in his initial Quarterly Report.

Respondent shall provide to the Office of Probation, within five (5) days of the effective date of the Public Reproval herein, a mailing address and telephone number at which he may be contacted during his participation in the Beit T'Shuvah treatment program. Respondent must return any call from the Office of Probation concerning his participation in the treatment program no later than 10:00 a.m. of the following business day.

Upon successful completion of the Beit T'Shuvah treatment program, Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of completion to the Office of Probation on or before the 10th day of the month immediately following his completion of the treatment program.

If, upon successful completion of Beit T'Shuvah's treatment program, Respondent is required by Beit T'Shuvah to participate in an aftercare program, Respondent shall provide to the Office of Probation a written document from Beit T'Shuvah setting forth all the requirements of such aftercare program on or before the 10th day of the month immediately following his completion of the treatment program. As a separate reporting requirement, Respondent shall provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of his participation during each month in all aftercare program requirements imposed on him by Beit T'Shuvah, on or before the 10th day of the following month, during the probation period.

Respondent must provide an appropriate written wavier to Beit T'Shuvah authorizing Beit T'Shuvah to provide, upon request of the Office of Probation, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California, or the State Bar Court, information regarding Respondent's participation in Beit T'Shuvah's treatment program and any aftercare requirements Beit T'Shuvah may impose on Respondent upon his successful completion of the treatment program; and to provide information regarding Respondent's compliance or non-compliance with the treatment program's requirements. Revocation of the written waiver for release of Beit T'Shuvah information is a violation of this condition.

Any records obtained from Beit T'Shuvah by the Office of Probation, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California, and the State Bar Court are confidential and no information concerning them or their contents will be given to anyone except members of the Office of Probation,

the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California, and the State Bar Court who are directly involved with maintaining, enforcing or adjudicating this condition.

This provision is included herein in lieu of the State Bar Court-approved Substance Abuse Conditions Stipulation Form and/or Medical Conditions Stipulation Form: the Forms are not exactly suitable to this particular case, given the structure and requirements of Beit T'Shuva's in-patient treatment program in which Respondent is participating. Beit T'Shuvah is a long-term residential treatment facility which combines 24-hour supervision, group and individual counseling, mandatory attendance at 12-Step Anonymous program meetings, vocational rehabilitation and job placement, all based on Jewish spiritual and ethical values. Beit T'Shuva's treatment program is highly structured: after the initial 90-day restriction, residents are gradually given more responsibility and freedom based on their progress and court restrictions. Residents can remain at Beit T'Shuvah for a period of one or more years, and are subject to random drug and alcohol testing throughout their stay.

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SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disposition.

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Date	Respondent's Signature	Print Name
12/30/09	Ce touis	Michael E. Wine
Date	Respendent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
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Date	Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	Print Name
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In the Matter Of Martin Barry Snyder, #78253	Case Number(s): 07-C-12977 & 09-C-11849 (Consol.)		
OR	DER		
Finding that the stipulation protects the public and that the interests of Respondent will be served by any conditions attached to the reproval, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:			
The stipulated facts and disposition a IMPOSED.	The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AND THE REPROVAL IMPOSED.		
The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the REPROVAL IMPOSED.			
All court dates in the Hearing Department are vacated.			
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The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 125(b), Rules of Procedure.) Otherwise the stipulation shall be effective 15 days after service of this order.			
Failure to comply with any conditions attached to this reproval may constitute cause for a separate proceeding for willful breach of rule 1-110, Rules of Professional Conduct.			
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Date	Judge of the State Bar Court		

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on January 6, 2010, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

MICHAEL E. WINE 301 N LAKE AVE STE 800 PASADENA, CA 91101 - 5113

by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

MARGARET WARREN, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on

January 6, 2010.

Johnnie Lee Smith Case Administrator

State Bar Court